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Our family has owned and managed MarDon Resort for 38 years. We are located 16 miles SW of Moses Lake at the west end of O'Sullivan Dam which holds Potholes Reservoir. Just below the dam, which is 3.5 miles long, are 70 seep lakes. These lakes are not in any Mosquito Control District. The area is owned in part by the State of Washington and in part by The Dept of the Interior-federal. The mosquitos hatch and come to visit us. Our area is a destination resort community. In a 5 mile radius you will find Potholes State Park, MarDon Resort, Potholes Reservoir Golf Resort, The Last Resort and O'Sullivan Sportsmans Resort. Additionally, there is a 200+ home subdivision called Marine View and Marine View Heights, Frenchman Hills Estates, Drakes Mobile Home Park and Sun Desert Senior Home Park. The Golf Resort has 154 deeded park model lots. So in addition to the tourists who frequent the state park and resorts there are a number of permanent residents in our immediate area.

Our local Mosquito Board does a good job with their larvacide programs but that is not sufficient to meet the needs of our area. Even with their job well done mosquitos escape their net and attack our guests. Many will then get a refund and head home(72% of our guests are from the Puget Sound area). We can't imagine what our daily life will be like without the ability to spray at all for adult mosquitos. Tourism will definetly be affected in a very noticeable and negative way. We have about 3 months to make a living-mosquitos will be a huge threat as their season is the same-summer. We won't get a second chance. This will be like another nail in the coffin to our seasonal business. The recession has had it's way with us and now this threat.....

But the underlying concern here is really HEALTH. The tourists won't come for fear of this....the residents will not come out of their home for fear of this and that is we don't want to expose ourselves to the West Nile Virus and Ensulfitis. There have been documented cases in Central Washington to humans.....many cases for horses.

AguaKalt a natural pyrethrin that comes from Crisanthemon

Is OK for aquatic use no science other wise

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We do not want to see our area go back to the good old days when the mosquitos were so common that they were called The State Bird. Please save our tourism industry in Grant County by developing language and procedures to allow the Mosquito Districts to do their job.

Thank you,